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This Issue . . .

- ▶ THIS December issue of DESTINY is published prior to the usual date of release to meet a special emergency. Its publication in this way is in accordance with a plan that will enable us to advance the monthly publication date of DESTINY. Up to now it has been a physical impossibility to release DESTINY sufficiently in advance of the month of issue to meet the demand for earlier publication.
- ▶ After giving the whole matter careful consideration, it was decided to make an early mailing of the December 1952 issue of DESTINY to permit us to institute a new publishing schedule and at the same time meet all mailing requirements. Thus, the December issue will be followed almost immediately by the publication of DESTINY for January 1953 — *the latter issue to be released on what would ordinarily have been the publication date for the December number.*
- ▶ This change will mean that DESTINY Magazine will reach its subscribers, with very few exceptions, during the month prior to the month of issue. For instance, the January issue will be in the mails the latter part of November and not later than the first week in December. This will enable those at great distances to have their magazine well in advance of the month of issue and it will particularly assist in handling overseas distribution.
- ▶ We appreciate the fact that this is a much smaller issue than the usual content of DESTINY, but in order to make this change in printing schedule possible, it was necessary to curtail the number of pages for this issue only. The January number, which will follow at once, will have the standard number of pages and all subsequent issues will also be standard.
- ▶ We sincerely trust that your disappointment in the lesser amount of reading matter in the December number will be mitigated by the fact that you will be pleased that we are able to advance the regular publication date so that you will receive the January issue well ahead of the month of January.
- ▶ May we take this opportunity to say that letters of comment concerning DESTINY are always gratefully received. Your criticisms are valued and your words of commendation are heartening as we strive to publish the information each month that will inform and inspire you.

— *The Editors*

THE REDEMPTION COMPLETED

IT IS AT THIS SEASON of the year that the birth of Jesus Christ is celebrated, acknowledging His coming as the Saviour of the world. But because the fact that He was also the Redeemer of Israel is overlooked, much that pertains to the work He accomplished as Redeemer is unrecognized. Why, for instance, does the Bible stress that it was essential for Israel to be redeemed? And why did this work of redemption apply to the House of Israel only and not to Judah? In the answer to these two questions will be found a wealth of information that will increase the scope of understanding concerning the extensiveness of the work accomplished by the birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Under Rehoboam, son of Solomon, the House of Israel revolted from the rule of the House of David and established Samaria as the capital of their Kingdom. This northern ten-tribed Kingdom, or House of Israel, turned away from the Lord and Jeremiah states that God wrote them a bill of divorcement. As a result they became, as the Lord expressed it through His prophet Hosea, "not my people." Under the law of divorcement the House of Israel could never again become the people of God.

Following the divorcement of Israel, God set forth the terms of the New Covenant. Jesus Christ, "the Messenger of the covenant" (Mal. 3:1), came as the Redeemer, whom Paul calls the "Mediator of the new covenant" (Heb. 9:15), so that those whom God had divorced might again become His people. But the inheritance of blessings under the terms of this New Covenant — which was the last will and testament of the Redeemer — could not be given to His people while the Testator lived. And the Testator was He who had put His people away under the bill of divorcement.

Carrying out the duties of parents, the infant Jesus was brought to the Temple after His birth and one named Anna, a prophetess, came in at that time. When she saw the babe, she gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all who were looking for redemption in Israel.

Years later, after Jesus had completed His ministry, was crucified and arose from the grave, two of His disciples, unaware that the resurrection had taken place, were journeying to a village called Emmaus and were in deep

discussion about the recent happenings in Jerusalem as they questioned why Jesus had to suffer and die. Jesus drew near and went with them but they did not recognize Him, taking him to be a stranger. He inquired why they were so sad and, after telling Him what had taken place, and of the crucifixion, they said, "But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel" (Luke 24:21).

They were wholly unaware that only through the death of the Testator could the redemption be made complete and the bill of divorcement, which had been given to Israel, be blotted out. It was thus that the way was opened for Israel to again become His people.

Not only did Jesus provide the way for the forgiveness of sins through His death when He became the Saviour of the world, but by the same means He also redeemed Israel and changed the entire trend of history for them. Thereafter, as the redeemed of the Lord, the House of Israel began to move forward to fulfill the great destiny that lay before them. It was the turning point for them, for it arrested the downward trend of a people who had turned away from their God. Israel, redeemed from the curse of the law, was now free to grow and expand into the nation and company of nations and the great people of the latter days.

When the age finally comes to its close, and the work of redemption has accomplished its ultimate purpose — the cleansing and spiritual renewal of His people — they will then be manifested to all the world, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy, "Sing, O ye heavens; for the Lord hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel" (Isa. 44:23). At that time all who see them will acknowledge that they are the seed which the Lord hath blessed.

Thus, Jesus Christ, as Saviour, brings hope to every man of the forgiveness of all his sins and, as the Redeemer of Israel, His people are promised the blessings of restoration and peace, which will become a reality when, "the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away" (Isa. 51:11).



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AS YOU READ DESTINY it will be helpful to bear in mind as a fundamental tenet that it identifies the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as the House of Israel in the world today. The key to understanding the national aspect of the Bible lies in the acceptance of this basic truth. That the ten-tribed Kingdom, or House, of Israel is distinct and separate from Jewry is a recognized fact. The *Jewish Chronicle* for May 2, 1879 stated, "The Scriptures speak of a future restoration of Israel, which is clearly to include both Judah and Ephraim. The problem, then, is reduced to its simplest form. The ten tribes are certainly in existence. All that has to be done is to discover which people represent them."

The information published in DESTINY provides the evidence showing that Israel left Palestine while the Jews remained. The movements of the Israel clans are traced out of the East, across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles of Britain, and then on to America. The prophets foretold Israel's westward trek and the monuments and traditions record the divinely-guided wanderings of this people who left "waymarks" behind them as they journeyed toward their ultimate destination. Today the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples alone bear all the marks by which the House of Israel was to be known in the latter days and they have unconsciously fulfilled in their history, and do fulfill in their present-day activities, what the Word of God declares would be accomplished by them in these latter times.

It is natural that, in the presentation of facts at first thought so startling, the immediate effect of proclaiming these new (yet not new) truths will bring opposition from some quarters where past beliefs are upset. But the evidence of racial movements throughout history, and the marks set forth by which the Israel of God was to be known in modern days, are so unmistakably clear that failure to seriously consider the evidence will jeopardize the future welfare of the Anglo-Saxon race. For if this people are the lineal descendants of the northern ten-tribed Kingdom of Israel — and they are — there has been placed upon them today a responsibility they cannot escape. The failure to awaken to the knowledge of their identity and assume their responsibility as the people with whom God made His unalterable covenant, and upon whom He laid His law, will bring upon them inevitable national suffering and trouble.

Were the opponents of the identity right, then there would, of course, be no such responsibility; but here again it is essential that the facts be made known. This DESTINY is doing. The people themselves constitute the court of

appeal and must render a decision as to whether the facts presented are correct or the objections raised are valid. It is also important to carefully consider that God Himself will pass final judgment in accordance with the verdict rendered by the people, bringing weal or woe upon the nations of Israel in days to come as the inevitable consequence of the course chosen and pursued.

Let those who are opposed to proclaiming the identity ponder well the fact that they too have a tremendous personal responsibility. When it is universally recognized that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples are modern Israel, opponents of this truth who have succeeded in leading many astray, and hindered to that extent the national awakening and return to God in whole-hearted acknowledgment of His sovereignty and obedience to His laws, will discover that He will not hold them guiltless.

God is not a man that He should lie and He gave His promise that Israel (He did not say Judah) would never cease to be a nation before Him. He gave the continuity of the heavenly signs as a guarantee of this fact (Jer. 31:35-36). The *Jewish Chronicle* says, "Find this people" and DESTINY points to the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples in whose history the proph-

ecies of the Scriptures pertaining to the House of Israel are all being fulfilled today.

DESTINY is a magazine published by plain Americans who have seriously studied God's Word and have seen His hand in American and world history. We are not introducing a new religion; we are not a sect; rather, we are Christians who stand for the whole truth as taught by the Scriptures and for the application of that truth to the spiritual, cultural, economic and political life of man.

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The March of History...

Behind the Headlines

THE PROPHET DANIEL makes a most interesting reference to Egypt (Dan. 11: 42): "And the land of Egypt shall not escape." Referring to this prophecy in *Study in Daniel*, the following comment was made:

"Both Daniel and Ezekiel are in agreement that a northern power will invade Palestine. Ezekiel declares it will be by Gog, whose capitol is Meshech or Moscow. With the revelation of the meaning of Daniel's vision, we now have a double witness to the fact that Moscow is to be the final contender for world dominion, expecting through the power of the sword to secure this coveted position. These two prophets (Ezekiel and Daniel) not only declare Russia is to invade Palestine but both name the nations who are to be allied with her. Both name Ethiopia and Libya, while Daniel adds the name of Egypt, stating this land will not escape the force and power of Soviet aggression. Ezekiel names Persia [Iran] as being under Soviet control when the time to invade the land of Israel comes." (Page 301.)

Mr. A. R. Heaver of London, England writes:

"The British public have recently been regaled by a personal explanation by General Naguib in *Picture Post* and elsewhere as to why he deposed King Farouk of Egypt. The counterblast by the exiled King in *Empire News*, giving a personal narrative of how he lost his throne, was even more dramatic.

"General Naguib admits that he is only the humble servant of a political Group who have not yet come into the limelight and that, when his task of purging the country of corruption is completed, he will retire into the background since he has no taste for politics, and the Group he represents will take over from him.

"The exiled King comes straight out with the startling declaration that the coup d'etat was organized by the Russian Embassy in Cairo; that the plan of action was worked out for Naguib by Russian military advisers and concludes with the warning:

"*'Why should the Russian Embassy want to get me off my throne? Because they plan that Egypt shall soon become a second Korea, and good British and American blood will be spilled to make a red carpet for Russian tanks into the Middle East. You who fear the next war, make no mistake about it — the next war is being fought already.'*"

The Tension Increases

WITH THE ending of the period of the "Little Consummation," as shown on the chart in DESTINY for March 1952, page 89, Premier Mohammed Mossadegh cut Iran's diplomatic ties with Britain. The beginning of the year

1953 was shown on this chart to synchronize with October 16-17, 1952, but as August 20, 1953, the date of the termination of the Consummation of the Age, is more than half-way through the year of 1953, the day that would synchronize with the actual end of the Consummation would be a few days later. This is because each year on the longer scale is 4 minutes but on the shorter scale 1.6 days equal a minute, making the four minutes of 1953 equal to 6.4 days. This would make October 19 the approximate day on the shorter scale to synchronize with August 20, 1953. This marks the period from October 16 to October 19 as most important and current developments have clearly indicated it to be so.

Not only has the Iranian crisis increased international tensions, but the launching of a new offensive in Indo-China by the Reds beginning a drive south has created a renewed serious situation for the French. Great Britain has been compelled to rush reinforcements to Kenya at this time to put down riots where violence has flared up in the move on the part of the natives to oust the Europeans.

The troubled area where riots are concerned is not confined to northern Africa alone, for South Africa is greatly disturbed with the race issue and riots have occurred there. Also, riots occurred on October 16 in the capital of Indonesia as thousands surged through the streets. The wearing apparel of many of the rioters and some of the banners they carried indicated that the Communists had a part in these disturbances. This is only a part of the story of violence and turmoil which has punctuated the ending of the period of the "Little Consummation," setting forth a disquieting pattern of things to come.

The United Nations opened its seventh General Assembly sessions in New York on Tuesday, October 14, 1952, and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky slammed the door on an early settlement of the Korean war. His vitriolic speech on October 17 before the UN made it plain that any step the United States might take in appealing to the UN General Assembly for a truce was useless. The stepped-up Korean conflict continues and the fighting grows more savage.

Here in the United States a government panel ruled

that the Communist Party in the United States is directly dominated and controlled by the Soviet Union. The panel said that the Red organization lives in this country for the day when it can install a Soviet-type dictatorship and establish a "United States of Soviet America."

Are these revelations, timed with the close of the period of the "Little Consummation," giving us a preview in miniature of what will take place on a larger scale at the end of the Consummation itself on August 20, 1953? The date of August 20, 1953 also ends the period of the Night of Darkness that began with the Korean war on June 25, 1950. Will this mean that the identity of the enemy within and without will then be fully known and his evil plans be revealed for all to behold as the new day dawns?

Just as the revelation of the purpose of the Communist Party in the United States has now been officially acknowledged, will an official acknowledgment be brought about by mid-summer of next year, accompanied by irrefutable substantiating evidence, of the sinister motives of those who are now seeking to control and regiment our people? Will the importance of the work of those who have been ferreting out Communists who have infiltrated into government positions and the treasonable activities of the State Department and its appointees be fully established by that time? These are interesting questions, the answers to which will have to await the verdict of time.

Meantime, we are approaching the most terrifying part of the night through which our nation must pass before the day dawns when the Consummation is completed. This is the fourth watch of the night, a time of turbulence and storm.* Already we are witnessing in the increased tempo of rioting, turmoil and strife the gathering clouds of a terrific storm that will break in its full fury during the hours just preceding the dawn. The rumblings of the approaching tempest are now distinctly heard as the forces of evil marshal their hosts for the day of battle and the time of destruction that is to make the Day of the Lord so terrible. As the storm increases in its fury, it will be well for God's people to remember the words of Joel:

"But the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel." (Joel 3: 16.)

Under the pressure of adversity and trouble, when His people turn to Him for help, He will come and rescue them from all their enemies.

Korean Losses AMERICAN BATTLE casualties in Korea now total one-third of the American casualties of World War I and approximately the total of casualties for the first two years of World War II.

But there is as yet no foreseeable end to this conflict and the whole tragic fiasco is directly chargeable to the present administration and its State Department. They are first responsible for bringing it about by in effect serving notice on Soviet Russia that South Korea could be had for the taking, then sending in our boys to fight and die in a so-called "police action," afterward removing the one man — General Douglas MacArthur — from his command who, if he had been given the authority to win

the conflict, could have ended the war before this. Thus, the present administration is alone responsible for the stalemate in the Far East, a situation brought about by agreements made by our State Department with members of the UN who feared that a more aggressive military campaign would offend the Chinese Communists. Why?

Revealing the Red Menace

PERHAPS ONE OF the most significant news releases at this time is the revealing of the Red menace in the exposure by the United States Government panel of the aims of the Communist Party in the United States. Reference is made to this in the accompanying editorial, "The Tension Increases." In this same context the October 15, 1952 edition of *The Boston Post* carried this significant headline, "STALIN RALLIES REDS TO GREAT WORLD CONQUEST," with the subheading that he "pledges aid to all in fight to overthrow Capitalism." The editor of the newspaper referred to this as a "plain warning" of troubles to come.

In vision John saw Three Woes which were to come upon Christendom (Rev. 9, 10, 11). The first covered the period of the activities of the Saracens (622 A.D. to 1299 A.D.), while the Second Woe began with the rise of the Ottoman Empire in 1299 A.D. The approach of the end of the Second Woe became apparent as the result of driving the Turks from Palestine and the taking of Jerusalem in 1917 A.D.

World War II brought to an end the political and military might of the Babylonian Succession of Empires* and laid the groundwork for the expansion of Soviet Russia, whose final irruption is to precipitate the events of the Third, or Red, Woe. Although the rise of Communism has been a gradual but phenomenal growth during the past two decades, the Third Woe itself could not break in its full fury until the Second Woe had ended. Yet the Second Woe could not end until the events depicted by John as taking place under this woe had transpired.

An interesting event took place at the beginning of the Third Hour of the Third Watch of the night which acted as a signal that the ending of the Second Woe is near. This Third Hour period began August 1, 1952 and with its beginning the crisis in Egypt came to a head with the abdication of King Farouk. Thereafter the titles of Bey and Pasha ceased to be used. In *DESTINY* for September 1952 (p. 294), a letter from Mr. J. Bernard Nicklin of Evesham, England, was quoted in which mention was made of the following item which appeared in the *Daily Telegraph*, commenting on the abdication of King Farouk:

"It may be fairly said the last relic of the Ottoman Empire has disappeared. It is one with Nineveh and Tyre."

To the watchers this was an important alert, for the next event immediately preceding the ending of the Second Woe is now on the agenda for fulfillment. It is the summons to the witnesses in fulfillment of the statement by John:

"And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them." (Rev. 11: 12.)

That this event is near is clear from the fact that there

* See *Day of Decision*. \$1.00 postpaid, Destiny Publishers, Haverhill, Mass.

* See "End of Gentile Rule," *Documentary Studies*, Vol. I, p. 139.

has been a tremendous increase in earthquake tremors throughout the earth, indicating the marshalling of nature's forces for the great upheaval described by John:

"And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven." (Rev. 11: 13.)

In the Smith and Goodspeed rendering of the same passage, the timing is more precise:

"At that moment there was a great earthquake, and one tenth of the city was destroyed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were filled with awe, and acknowledged the glory of the God of heaven."

Stupendous events are on the agenda for immediate enactment and it is therefore most essential to be alert and ready, for it is to come upon all as a snare who fail to heed the admonition of Jesus to WATCH!

A Witness to Revelation EGYPT IS MUCH in the news these days and Egypt is the land of the Pyramids. In the midst of these monuments stands the Great Pyramid of Gizeh, which is a pillar of witness to the Lord of Hosts (Isa. 19: 19-20). It is a God-given monument of revelation for a scientific age.

In modern times Mr. David Davidson of London, England, a structural engineer, has co-ordinated and presented in his book, *The Great Pyramid: Its Divine Message*,* scientific data which establishes beyond dispute the Divine origin of this monument and its Revelation Measures. Mr. Davidson, himself an agnostic at the time of his initial investigation, began his research into the claims made concerning this monument by his predecessors with the purpose in mind of proving them to be in error in assigning a Divine origin to the Great Pyramid and in declaring that it contains a prophetic revelation. The thoroughness of his investigation transformed him from an agnostic seeking to invalidate the work of others to an earnest student of the facts, resulting in his becoming an outstanding authority on the Great Pyramid in our day.

Hundreds of thousands of men and women have been brought into a knowledge and understanding of the message of the Great Pyramid who would never have heard of this monument but for the results of the splendid research accomplished by Mr. Davidson. Actually Mr. Davidson's prodigious work needs no defense, but for the sake of DESTINY readers who have been asking for information about Mr. Davidson's present activities, the following will be of interest.

In mid-November of 1951 Mr. Davidson was laid aside with a serious illness and was, in fact, given but six months to live. Under his doctor's skillful treatment, however, reinforced by the prayers of loyal friends throughout Great Britain, her Dominions and the United States, he came out of the danger and was gradually restored to good health again. Knowing that he was approaching a grave personal crisis, Mr. Davidson set about to leave a record of vital researches, following a clue given by the

Great Pyramid in *The Great Pyramid: Its Divine Message* (1924). A letter recently received from Mr. Davidson informs us:

"All my articles published during 1952 have dealt with this matter, and were completed and were in the hands of the Editor of *The National Message* a year ago, before my illness.* I did not arrive at the definitive conclusion from my researches until my recent recovery. This conclusion concerns current Anglo-American relations and constitutes a startling confirmation of all my previous interpretations of the Great Pyramid's revelation. My concluding article of the year's series will appear in *The National Message* issue of November 1st, 1952."

Contrary to statements that have been made, Mr. Davidson has not turned aside from lecturing upon the interpretation of Great Pyramid prophecy to the Israel identity subject alone. Since mid-May of this year he has given two lectures monthly at London Headquarters on Great Pyramid and Scriptural prophecy in relation to the identity of modern Israel and significant movements in world history and their meaning. His audiences have welcomed his return to normal activities.

In his article in the issue of *The National Message* of November 1, 1952, it is shown that Geoffrey Crowther, Editor of *The Economist*, confirms Mr. Davidson's interpretation of conditions from 1950 to 1953 regarding the disastrous passing of the activities of the World Economy from their normal functioning to Rearmament — all of which was foreshadowed from Mr. Davidson's interpretation of Great Pyramid prophecy.

From the Biblical viewpoint also the importance of these years — 1950 to 1953 — is shown in the book, *Day of Decision*, to have witnessed the commencement of the Night of Darkness, which began with the Korean War on June 25, 1950 and will terminate on August 20, 1953. Whether we approach present world conditions from the standpoint of the fulfillment of Scriptural prophecy or the interpretation of the allegorical symbolism of the Great Pyramid, the end result is a confirmation of the fact that we are in the crisis period bringing about the end of the age, preparatory to the introduction of the New Order of the Ages. Mr. Davidson's contribution to our understanding of Great Pyramid revelation in its substantiation of Biblical prophecy is a major achievement under Divine direction. The passing of time will not diminish but will most certainly increase the value of his writings.

Without Mercy THE ORGANIZATION of the United Nations at San Francisco was one step toward the goal of world government, using the universal desire for peace as a lever to secure the support of individual nations to this undertaking. It was a fraud from its very inception, and with Soviet Russia able to veto any move on the part of its members that would censure her acts, the UN has principally served the purposes of the Communists. Major Robert H. Williams, a former counter-intelligence officer, writes in the *Williams Intelligence Summary* for October 1952:

"During the months preceding the San Francisco United

* Those interested in more information concerning Mr. Davidson's articles in *The National Message* should address their inquiry to The National Message, Ltd., 6 Buckingham Gate, London, S.W. 1, England.

* At present out of print.

Nations convention, I was counter-intelligence officer for the 314th Bombardment Wing on Guam and day by day read voluminous letters from Communist wives in New York to Communist husbands (Jewish without exception) in our organization, giving them the clock-like developments as the Communists laid the groundwork for their 'great new world,' the United Nations. These Communist wives told in detail how they had organized extensive letter writing campaigns to editors all over the country, promoting the UN, and how they were attacking (smearing) opponents of the United Nations idea. They told about organizing Americans United for World Government and, in High Schools of New York City, Students United for World Government. The whole UN thing is Communist and Jewish nationalist (or Zionist) from its origin and, if the head of the FBI had been permitted to talk, he could have warned America and saved us from the shameful and humiliating sell-out to the United Nations."

On the basis of the UN ruling in regard to genocide alone, the Soviet government stands condemned and should be branded as beyond the pale of civilized nations. Unfortunately the UN follows a double standard and the instigators of this organization are not to be hampered by any of its rulings. Unless we get out of the UN, this godless organization will bring ever-increasing troubles upon us, the ultimate end of which will be national disaster.

The powerful cabal working through the UN, who would brand the United States as a violator of its covenants for the slightest infringement of any UN ruling, is completely silent in the face of the major infraction by Soviet Russia of the ruling on genocide. The evidence of Soviet treatment of the men and women of the Baltic States is glaringly present for all to see and the UN does nothing about it. In his Sunday evening broadcast of September 21, 1952, Paul Harvey stated:

"On January 12, 1951, genocide was branded an international crime. Under UN adopted law of that date nobody ever again must seek to wipe out any human group, racial, ethnic, religious or national. So what!

"I here charge that Russia has broken and is breaking that international law and, if the UN intends to be what it pretends to be, I submit the case of the Lithuanians on the Baltic — the case of a whole people being butchered, a whole nation being abolished. Lithuania, under the Czars, was a nation 75% illiterate, but, in its brief span of freedom between World Wars I and II, that nation progressed so rapidly economically and culturally that it built 3,000 schools for a nation of 3,000,000 people. In Chicago I understand there are 600 schools for 3,000,000 people. In Lithuania, because their populace was scattered, they had to build 3,000 schools for the same number of people and so they did.

"In 20 years Lithuanians have become a totally literate, proud, self-sustaining people — so proud that, when the Iron Curtain engulfed the Baltic States, Lith patriots went underground with such indelible determination that their guerrilla armies are resisting to this day, though the entire nation under the Reds is a prison. Recently more than half a million — that's one in every family — were deported in cattle cars to Soviet Siberian slave camps. One was taken from every family to try to frighten the patriots into submission — and more, as each Lithuanian is deported, a Mongol is moved in to take his name and his property and his place in the community.

"In five years there will be no Lithuanians in Lithuania. And hear this: those cattle cars were moving east at the same obscene hour that Mr. Vishinsky was applauding the UN's genocide convention. The Russians are guilty of violating that international law now, not five years from now, for in 1957, by the time our

own wide-eyed diplomats get around to asking about Lithuania, the Kremlin may simply say, 'Lithuania, where is that?'

"Now I do not expect that the innocuous United Nations will get tough with Russia, or that these 100 seconds which I have devoted to these 3,000,000 people is a proper monument to mark their passing. This was rather a simple salute to a tiny nation of great courage to let these gallant people know that when the dagger has done its dastardly deed and is removed, there will be an ugly scar across the face of their enemy for all the earthly time there is, for all the world to see."

On Deposit. WHEN JESUS said, "The very hairs of your head are all numbered," He indicated that there is Divine precision in all creation. It was shown in "Our Days Are Numbered," *Documentary Studies*, Vol. II, page 98,* that the very length of the lives of men follows a definite pattern, for to each individual God has allotted a maximum number of days as the duration of his life. The Psalmist alludes to this when he states:

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." (Ps. 90: 12.)

"Number our days!" This cautionary remark implies that there is a definite number of days assigned to each one from birth to death, which all would do well to use prudently, for they are expendable.

Added to this is another factor, which follows as a result of our days being numbered. It may be said that God has deposited to the account of every individual the necessary number of heart beats for the maximum number of years each one is given to live — no more and no less. Against this deposit, each of us may draw as we will. Those who are righteous will be conservative and will leave on deposit enough to cover the maximum number of years God has allotted to him. Those who are wicked will be profligate in their use, depleting the deposit so rapidly that they will shorten their span of life, sometimes by a great many years.

Often when harmful indulgences are called to a person's attention, he will counter with the statement that they have no ill effect upon him. What he is overlooking is the rapidity with which he is drawing upon his deposit of heart beats and, like a spendthrift who does not count the cost beforehand, he will not become aware of the loss of his reserves until they are nearly gone. Then the result of his succumbing to harmful habits will confront him and the shortening of his span of life will become apparent. Solomon, called the wisest man who ever lived, recognized this when he said:

"Reverence for the Lord prolongs life; but the years of the wicked will be shortened." (Prov. 10: 27, *Smith & Goodspeed Trans.*)

He expressed the same thought in another terse statement:

"The candle [lamp] of the wicked shall be put out." (Prov. 24: 20.)

In contrast to all this, the righteous — those who obey God's commandments and abstain from evil practices of

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WAR AGAINST GOD



THERE ARE two distinct groups of enemy nations in the world today. The final enemy who is to come against Israel cannot be reckoned as a part of the Babylonian Succession of Empires, for Amalek — a son of Esau — is among them.

Long before Nebuchadnezzar came to power, and thus preceding the birth of the Babylonian Succession of Empires, the Amalekites attacked Israel and are designated in the Bible as the first nation to make war against God's people. That attack is described by Moses as an attack upon the Throne of God, while Balaam declares that, because of their unprovoked hostility, their end will be destruction.

It is essential, therefore, that we recognize the distinction between the two groups of enemy nations: 1) the Babylonian Succession of Empires and 2) the Great Confederacy under the leadership of Gog (the latter moving against Israel after the image of Gentile military and political power is destroyed) if we would understand the full meaning of events today. Now that the military and political might of Babylon has come to its end,* Amalek (Gog) is organizing the great confederacy to repeat the earlier and treacherous attack as they move today to challenge Israel in the final phase of world conflict. Just as Amalek was the first to attack Israel after she had despoiled the Egyptians, so now Gog is planning to attack her after she has destroyed the power of Babylon.

Because this distinction cannot be too strongly stated, and because the essentialness of its recognition must not be overlooked by the keen student of prophecy, the following is presented from *Study in Revelation*** (pp. 159-164) and should be of help in this respect:

Two Groups of Enemy Nations

The Bible clearly records two antagonistic groups of enemy nations who,

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throughout the ages, fight against His Kingdom people. It is as important to distinguish between these two groups, in order not to be confused regarding events, as well as the cause of their occurrence, as it is necessary to distinguish the difference between Israel and Judah in order to recognize God's dealings with His people.

The Babylonian Succession

The Babylonian Succession of Empires is one enemy group. Their desire is world domination and rule. Beginning with ancient Babylon and continuing to include continental European nations, this succession of gentile empires has carried on in conformity with Daniel's interpretation of the meaning of the image which King Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream. For centuries the Kingdom people have been in opposition to the aggressive policy of this succession of empires as Gentiles strove for world rule.

God's Enemies

There is another line of enemy nations (the heathen) who are not content to contend for world rule alone. Their desire is the complete annihilation of God's people Israel. The final end of this combination of enemy nations is to be brought about by the intervention of God Himself in behalf of His people Israel. Because this is so, John is more concerned with the spiritual awakening in Israel that enables God to come to her rescue than he is with the movements of the enemy during the Third Woe.

The Ancient Enemy

The final phase of this struggle against Israel is recorded in Ezekiel, chapters 38 and 39. But that this combination of nations is old is little understood by the average prophetic student. The account states:

"Thus saith the Lord God; art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years that I would bring thee against them?" (Ez. 38: 17.)

Here is a remarkable statement calling our attention to a long list of prophecies against this final combination of nations who, in this latter day, seek the destruction of His people Israel. In the eighty-third Psalm we have a most remarkable prayer offered for protection against just such a combination of enemy nations whose purpose is to annihilate Israel. This prayer closes with a request that God destroy them with His tempest and storm. This is exactly what God declares He will do to the combination of nations spoken of by Ezekiel.

But who are these whom the Psalmist declared hate God and have lifted up the head against Him, and of whom the prophets prophesied during many years that they would come against Israel with the purpose of destroying her? The history of Israel reveals such an enemy who made an unprovoked military attack upon her in the wilderness.

Moses' Account

Moses records the fact of that attack and reminds Israel of her attitude towards this enemy:

"Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt; How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble and behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God. Therefore it shall be, when the Lord thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it." (Deut. 25: 17-19.)

This war was to continue down through the ages as shown by Moses, for he said, "Because the Lord hath sworn that the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation." The marginal rendering is, "Because the hand of Amalek is against the throne of the Lord, therefore the Lord [this is God's controversy] will have war with Amalek from generation to generation" (Ex. 17: 16).

Balaam's Testimony

Amalek was called by Balaam the first of the Goyim (heathen) to attack

Israel, "And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever" (Num. 24: 20). Thus in the last days he shall be, as rendered in the margin, "even to destruction."

History of the Conflict

Throughout Israel's early history we find her at war with the Amalekites, these wars being recorded in Judges, in I and II Samuel, in the Book of Kings and the Chronicles. The Psalmist includes them in his prayer as one of those confederated against God and His people Israel. That prayer is prophetically answered through Ezekiel as God details their latter-day gathering and final overthrow.

Outside of the mention of Haman's descent in Esther, the Amalekites are not again referred to by name. It is well to note that Haman's desire was the annihilation of God's people.

The failure to find the Amalekites again mentioned by name has led some to assume that they had perished, but God's prophetic word speaks otherwise. Of no other people than the Amalekites do we find God Himself from His Throne, and for His Kingdom Israel, declaring He would

wage war against them from generation to generation. Beginning with Moses, on through the prophets, there is prophesied the final overthrow of a people whose hand is against the Throne of God. Modern Gog (Russia), with their confederates, have turned against God and are making war upon Him. They are the heathen who are to be active in the closing scenes of the Third and final Woe.

Prophetic Prediction

Amalek made a treacherous attack upon Israel as she journeyed through the wilderness. Balaam prophesied that in the latter days their end would be destruction. The Psalmist prays against a confederacy formed to destroy Israel, naming Amalek among them, and God answers, through Ezekiel, that when, in the latter days, His people are again attacked, in a treacherous move by the descendants of these confederated nations, God will go forth and fight as He fought in the day of battle.

The Psalmist says that Amalek and the confederacy are to perish by God's tempest and storm. Ezekiel tells us this is the manner of Gog's destruction. John, in describing the events under the Third Woe, depicts such a storm

and tempest as the age comes to its close. Ezekiel says:

"And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face. . . . And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone." (Ez. 38: 18-22.)

Treacherous Attack

The first attack against Israel, when she was about to become a nation, was born of treachery. As the age closes she will again be subjected to a similar treacherous attack when she is on the verge of awakening to spiritual values. The Psalmist records laughter from Heaven that will be far from pleasant to the ears of those who are in the ranks of the enemy. "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision" (Ps. 2: 4). The reason for this derision is clear, for, as the time for Israel's deliverance draws near, the resurrection will occur and God will then move to destroy the enemies of His people and glorify Himself among the nations.

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As Ye See the Day Approaching

WHAT a tremendous phrase this is — “as ye see the day approaching!” How shall we properly lay emphasis upon it? Shall we emphasize the word *day*? Shall we lay emphasis upon the term *approaching*? Shall we call attention to the fact that the day is in the sight of all — “Ye see”? Or shall we lay emphasis upon the fact that it is known to you — “Ye see”? Whichever way we emphasize the reading of the clause, we see in it a most unexpected importance.

Let us take the words as they come and see what message they have:

“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” (Heb. 10: 23-25.)

First, who is the person or persons addressed? Most certainly it was intended to indicate those who should read the epistle which contains this remarkable statement of fact.

The epistle was written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and bears in the signature place the august name — God. The use to be made of the epistle was foreseen by Him. It was prepared for, and placed in, the canon of the New Testament, intended for the use of all of its readers to the end of the ages. As it has come into our hands, we must assume that we are among those to whom those words are addressed. To all the company of those who embrace the Christian faith we must assume that the approaching day is manifest, so clearly that the knowledge is a factor in our daily endeavor. It is not a matter of literary interest merely, but of pertinent, personal importance and an incentive to us to increase our endeavors “so much the more.”

How is *the day* made manifest in its approach? Where shall we look for evidence that it has a place among the not-yet-arrived phenomena of life and nature, and that it is approaching? There is no evidence of it in the past experience of mankind. Since, then, it is not a recorded historical fact, where shall we find information con-

cerning its approaching? We shall find it in the sacred literature of the Bible from the beginning to the end. It is by reading the Bible that we are enabled to see the day approaching.

Therefore, it is to Bible readers that this great fact is made known. The fact of the coming of the day is not wholly confined to the Bible, however; it is found foretold in the pages of literature which contained early revelations to mankind. For instance, the *Book of the Dead* of ancient Egypt, to mention but one other source.

The next logical question is, “What is *the day*?” It is the day of the return of our Lord Jesus Christ to this earth to take up that department of His work which His hands have not as yet directly touched; namely, the reorganization of earth’s affairs and His rule of the nations. The reign of our Lord as our King upon the Throne of David has not yet begun.

“But,” says one, “how can this be when it is most clearly stated that the work of our Lord is a finished work?” Did He not, upon the cross, cry triumphantly, “It is finished”? It is true that He did so cry. It is gloriously true that the task He had in hand at that time was and is finished, once and for all.

Time should be taken to see what it was that our Lord finished. It is certain that He did not “finish” His creative activity, for does there not remain the “folding up” of the earth and the heavens as we read in the first chapter of Hebrews: “As a vesture shalt thou fold them up and they shall be changed.” He did not finish the work of “upholding all things by the word of His power,” for all things are still in being; still upheld “by the word of His power.” He did not finish His work of world-making, for He declares, “Behold, I make all things new.”

Neither did he finish His work of Kingship, for that work has not yet really begun. Speaking of Himself He said, “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.” He has not yet returned.

The finished work was that of the redemption of Israel and the atonement for men’s souls accomplished in

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His death upon the cross. He announced His purpose to His disciples:

“From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.” (Matt. 16: 21-23.)

Thus He declared that the necessity to go to Jerusalem, suffer many things, be killed and raised again the third day were among the things He must do. They were all part of the work He would shortly finish. Let no one fall into Peter’s error, nor declare that the atonement wrought out by the Son of man is not essential to the great plan of salvation. For if He did not spare His own disciples for challenging the atonement, it is certain He will spare no one else.

On the other hand, let no man think for a moment that the work of atonement is not indeed finished. Either mistake is a serious matter. In the Book of Hebrews we read:

“Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.” (Heb. 9: 12.)

Let those who delude themselves into the belief that they are still offering the body and blood of Christ in sacrifice for sin be aware that their sacrifice is not regarded in Heaven. For our Lord, having “offered one sacrifice for sins for ever,” is no longer standing at the altar, but has sat down at the right hand of God:

“For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.” (Heb. 10: 14.)

The work of redemption and atonement is finished and the day of its accomplishment has passed and shall never return. Calvary shall never be

re-enacted, not even sacramentally. But the finished work shall be remembered forever.

It was after this day had passed that the apostle, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, exclaimed, "So much the more as ye see the day approaching." Therefore, it is another day to which the apostle refers.

How graphically the day of our Lord's return is told and retold in the Bible, in the Old Testament and in the New, by Isaiah and other prophets, and by the Psalmist. Even Balaam prophesied:

"I shall see Him, but not now; I shall behold Him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel." (Num. 24: 17.)

Job exclaimed in triumph:

"Yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another." (Job. 19: 26-27.)

For our Lord and for those who are His, it will be a day of triumph and glory. For the enemies of our Lord it is foreshadowed as a day of supreme disaster. For heaven it is a day of rejoicing and for earth it will be a day of delivery from all evil; of the resurrection of the dead in Christ and the translation of the living in Christ. That day will usher in the rule of righteousness and peace for ever.

But the day will hold its terrors for the unrighteous and the unregenerated. It will be a day of the overthrow of governments and the overturning of nations. More than that, it will be a day of the ending of systems of government. Out of all the welter of political strife only one sys-

tem shall remain. Democracy has had its full trial and has utterly failed. It has squandered the wealth of the nations as no other form of government has upon the earth.

Nations will be destroyed. We are not thinking of the people who make up the population of nations, but of the organizations and authority which constitute them. Nations will be overturned, for the test of those which shall survive and those which shall cease is given by our Lord in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew:

"When the Son of Man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another." (Matt. 25: 31-32.)

The nations which have served humanity, by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and setting the prisoners free shall stand, and be incorporated into His Kingdom. The nations which have served themselves of humanity, using the labor and taking man's possessions and earnings without due return, shall fall to rise no more:

"For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted." (Isa. 60: 12.)

The Day of the Lord is approaching and is very near. It will see the perfection of the universal Kingdom under the reign of the House of David, the root and offspring of whom is our Lord Jesus Christ. The restoration of the Israel Kingdom and the Israel law are sure, for the Statutes, Commandments and Judgments of the Lord will

be restored to form the basis of administration in the Kingdom. They are the law which governs individuals and national life as the ordinances govern in matters of faith and worship.

For the evildoer there is neither encouragement nor comfort in these facts. For him their importance will take second place to the question of the readiness of the individual to meet the coming of the Lord. This is the parting of the ways for the righteous and the unrighteous. Those who have in their hearts that transplanted life of the Father which comes through personal contact with and acceptance of the Son will as naturally rise to meet Him with gladness and rejoicing as the flowers turn their faces to the sun. Those who have failed to qualify for a place in his Kingdom will as naturally shrink and flee from His presence as the creatures of darkness fly in terror from the light. John saw this and described the scene to come in these words:

"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains: Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. For the day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Rev. 6: 15-17.)

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The Forgotten Frontier

NEVER BEFORE in the world's history have so many persons been engaged in the quest for new knowledge. Universities, industrial laboratories and government research centers are all bringing to light new facts in many fields at an unparalleled pace. The prediction of Daniel that knowledge would be increased at the end of the age is being fulfilled in a remarkable and wondrous way.

Yet despite this flood of scientific discoveries, the world has never been farther from peace and security, never been in more deadly peril of a man-made holocaust which could wipe out centuries of progress. How can this paradox be explained? Why should the conquests of the army of scientists in enlarging the frontiers of human knowledge threaten to be a curse instead of a blessing and to bring destruction rather than benefit?

The great English philosopher and statesman, Francis Bacon (1561-1626), wrote in Book II of *The Advancement of Learning*:

"The knowledge of man is as the waters, some descending from above, and some springing from beneath; the one informed by the light of nature, and the other inspired by divine revelation."

Even the most cursory survey will show that the flood of attainments in which present-day scientists glory is almost exclusively of the type which Bacon described as springing from beneath. Tremendous strides have been made in unlocking the riddles of the physical universe: in astronomy, physics, organic and inorganic chemistry, as well as in newer allied sciences such as electronics, progress has proceeded apace. There has been no corresponding advance in the branches of knowledge concerned with other than the physical universe. It is in those pursuits which flower best when illuminated by full understanding of the Divine purpose and of the relationship between God and man — philosophy, ethics and government, to name but three — in which the Twentieth Century is most deplorably deficient.

This concentration upon the physical and material inevitably throws the whole scheme of modern life out of

balance. Just as a lopsided flywheel can shake a mighty machine to pieces, so science, unenlightened by Divine wisdom, has shaped a society torn by dislocations and discontent, a society that wobbles and reels because its sense of values has atrophied.

The excesses and inanities fostered by this materialistic viewpoint are evident on every hand. From the laboratories in recent years has flowed a constant stream of wonder drugs and antibiotics hailed as the cure for every known human ill or ailment. Yet hospitals remain overcrowded and draft examinations reveal a shockingly high percentage of men unfit for military service. Nor is this all the story: many of the newly-discovered medications prove to have unexpected deleterious aftereffects, so that a new set of drugs and antibiotics must be found to remedy maladies induced by the first group.

And all this merry-go-round of cures and counter-cures is necessary only because men choose to ignore the laws of human health Divinely revealed at Mount Sinai and preserved for succeeding generations through the writings of Moses.

A similar situation prevails in government. Every year Congress and the various legislatures enact volume upon volume of laws, then in subsequent sessions enact more volumes to correct abuses, loopholes and deficiencies in the original legislation. Confusion is heaped on confusion, injustice upon injustice. And all because men refuse to follow the perfect statutes of social organization and procedure enshrined in the Bible.

No point would be served in multiplying examples. Nearly every phase of life is distorted and complicated by the omnipresent materialism. It is particularly mirrored in the arts: in the barrenness of literature, the blatant cacophony of modern music, the garish smearings that pass for modern painting. Without the refining and ennobling influence of Divine inspiration, all human activities become sterile and meaningless.

Is it not time to stop the machine for some much-needed adjustments? Time to redress the balance of mod-

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ern life by devoting attention to the forgotten frontier where Divine revelation impinges upon the world of men? Time to let light from on high through to illuminate a society benighted by its own vainglorious shallowness?

This task of channeling Divine inspiration back into human affairs is predominantly one of re-establishing the authority and influence of the Bible. The Book of books is by no means the only revelation accorded to man. It is, however, the foremost one, and there would be small purpose in combing the byways and wastelands for scraps of Divine revelation while the main treasury lies slighted, misunderstood and little heeded.

When the Revised Standard Version of the Bible was published recently, many clergymen expressed the hope that the new translation would stimulate Bible reading and lead to a spiritual revival. Mere Bible reading, however, will avail little unless done with an understanding heart. The Bible must be approached with a completely different frame of mind if the misconceptions and misteachings that now shroud its message are to be penetrated.

What is this essential change in outlook? Simply the realization that human reason is not infallible, not the supreme pilot of man's destiny. As God declared through Isaiah:

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isa. 55: 8-9.)

A stupendous transformation will come about when the Bible is studied, not as the record of God's dealings with certain ancient and long-vanished tribal peoples, nor as the lodestar leading to some nebulous hereafter beyond the clouds, but as the repository of all wisdom necessary to guide mankind into a new age of peace and stability. An enlightened perusal of the Bible will show that all information needed to establish a regenerated earth was

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all kinds — are promised long life. Solomon also recognized this when he said:

"My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: for length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee." (Prov. 3: 1-2.)

The Psalmist gives expression to what God's desire is for all those who are righteous:

"With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation." (Ps. 91: 16.)

It lies within the power of each individual to determine whether he will use up the allotted number of heart beats deposited to his account at a rapid rate, prematurely shortening his span of life, or be conservative in their expenditure so that he may be assured of reaching the end of the years God originally meant him to have. This is one of the most serious problems confronting men and women in this day of easy over-indulgence in harmful habits, with a rapidly increasing number of heart failures bringing far too many middle-aged persons to an untimely grave.

When Women Rule MANY ARE unaware that when women supersede men in political and religious activities among God's people, it is a sign of weakness — not of strength. Inevitably, when these conditions prevailed in ancient Israel, the nation had sunk so low spiritually that there were no men capable of furnishing righteous leadership. Before the apostasy became so great that the womanhood of the land had also become corrupted, the women chosen to lead His people were honored by God; nevertheless, their elevation to places of power was an indictment of the men who had failed to manifest the necessary God-given requirements for righteous leadership.

We have the interesting record of Deborah who judged Israel. The people of Israel had done evil in the sight of the

Lord and He had allowed their enemies to be victorious over them. Deborah, a prophetess, called upon Barak to deliver Israel from their enemies but he refused to move against the enemy unless Deborah agreed to accompany him in battle. But Deborah told Barak that as a consequence the campaign would not be to his honor, for God would deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman. It was Jael, the wife of Heber, who slew him.

Later on, when the Book of the Law was found in the Temple by Hilkiah during the reign of Josiah, the spirituality of the people was at a very low ebb. Evidently not one of the priests was able to give proper instruction as to what should be done, so inquiry was made of Huldah, a prophetess. The men, even the priests, had departed so far from the ways of the Lord that when a crisis arose and they needed to know the will of the Lord, it was necessary to turn to a woman.

Conditions today duplicate those that existed in ancient Israel and we are again in the midst of a great apostasy. Again women have become prominent in activities formerly reserved for men only and often they are taking leadership and occupying positions of power today where formerly men alone assumed such responsibilities. This is not a sign of strength but is definitely a sign of spiritual weakness indicating that men have lost the position of headship and authority through disobedience to the Divine law. God declares through Isaiah the Prophet:

"My people! Babes are their masters,
And women rule them.
My people! Your leaders mislead you,
And confuse the paths you should follow."
(Isa. 3: 12, *Smith & Goodspeed Trans.*)

This indictment of circumstances extant among God's people in ancient times is prophetic of conditions that are rampant in our land today. Little men are in office throughout all Anglo-Saxon lands who are babes in understanding and who are absolutely incapable of furnishing dynamic leadership. In an endeavor to hide from the people their inability to act as statesmen, they issue misleading statements and confuse the issues so that the people are unable to make intelligent choices. The parallels are indeed most striking, even to women occupying places of authority, but, unfortunately, many are not of the high caliber of Deborah or Huldah but more often manifest the traits of the notorious Jezebel instead. This in itself is an indication of the depth of the apostasy into which we have fallen today.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has been and is politically prominent and holds an important position in United Nations affairs. Also, there is Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, made assistant Secretary of Defense, and who is in control of the manpower of our nation. Mrs. Roosevelt has given and no doubt is still giving a great deal of aid and comfort to Communists, while Mrs. Rosenberg has never been cleared of the charges that she is the Anna Rosenberg who has had Communist connections.

Both men and women have their own important places to fill as citizens of this great nation and in God's purposes, but when the authority that men should wield passes by default into the hands of women, it signals a low state of spirituality and mediocrity in leadership, with the resultant abuse of power and its inevitable disastrous consequences.

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The Lion and Her Whelps

IT BECOMES necessary at times to take notice of subversive teachings being promulgated in order to assist those who may otherwise be led astray. We have received literature from self-appointed "authorities" whose teachings are wholly unscriptural, yet their arguments are such that many will have difficulty in pointing out the fallacy of their erroneous position. The very lack of evidence to support their contention is so adroitly camouflaged with a semblance of truth that it becomes another attempt to deceive the very elect, if possible, as they twist isolated verses of the Scriptures to suit their purpose.

A false premise certain spurious "teachers" seek to establish as a basic tenet of belief is the declaration that, because the lion is depicted on the banner of Judah, wherever the lion appears in connection with Israel's heraldry, it must designate that part of God's people to be Judah. To help sustain this claim, Jacob's blessing to Judah is cited:

"Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?" (Gen. 49: 9.)

Judah is here likened to a lion's whelp; that is, the offspring of a lion. But if Judah is the *offspring* of a lion, who, then, is the lion? That is the question for which an answer must be found. When this passage of Scripture, and the fact that Judah's banner has the insignia of a lion on it, are used for the purpose of construing all passages of Scripture mentioning the lion in connection with God's people to refer to Judah only, it is time to carefully examine this premise and its objective.

When Moses blessed the tribes of Israel, he referred to Judah but he failed to mention the lion, stating:

"And this is the blessing of Judah: and he said, Hear, Lord, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people: let his hands be sufficient for him; and be thou an help to him from his enemies." (Deut. 33: 7.)

However, when Moses came to bless the tribe of Gad, he said:

"Blessed be he that enlargeth Gad: he dwelleth as a lion, and teareth the arm with the crown of the head." (Deut. 33: 20.)

Also, in speaking of Dan, whose ensign, as borne on his standard, is the eagle, Moses said:

"Dan is a lion's whelp: he shall leap from Bashan." (Deut. 33: 22.)

These two passages alone refute the contention that the lion is only used to designate Judah because, while Jacob declares that Judah is a lion's whelp, Moses states that Dan is also a lion's whelp and that Gad dwells as a lion. How can we reconcile the use both Jacob and Moses make of this heraldic designation?

The answer is to be found in first recognizing that the lion symbol applies to Judah, Gad and Dan — *in fact, all of the tribes of Israel are lion's whelps*. Then, second, the identification of the lion is necessary, from whom these whelps have come. When this is done, it will demonstrate the foolishness of trying to confine the Scriptural reference to the lion to the tribe of Judah only. Under the guidance of the Spirit of the Lord, Balaam was compelled to prophesy of Israel as follows:

"How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel! As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the Lord hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters. He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted. God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows. He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee." (Num. 24: 5-9.)

By this prophecy Balaam, in very clear terms, identified Israel as "a lion, and as a great lion," the great lioness of whom Judah, Dan and all the rest of the tribes of Israel are whelps. Israel, symbolically likened to the king of beasts in the forest, is assured of victory over all her foes.

By Howard B. Rand

The subversion of the truth (to which attention was called in the article titled "Ephraim and Manasseh," DESTINY for November 1952) by those who are propagating so-called doctrines based upon shallow ideas emanating from dubious sources is found to have no basis in fact when the testimony of the Scriptures is brought to bear upon the matter. Ezekiel provides further substantiation of the fact that every one of the tribes of Israel are lion's whelps when he refers to them as such:

"Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee [Gog, *i.e.*, Soviet Russia], Art thou come to take a spoil?" (Ez. 38: 13.)

Who are these Merchants of Tarshish? It was Tarshish that was to be the destination of Jonah when he fled to escape having to give warning to Nineveh. As pointed out in Documentary Studies, Vol. I, * Tarshish was an ancient name for the British Isles:

"Some have tried to identify Tarshish [the place to which the prophet was fleeing] with Tartessus in Spain, but the ships of Tarshish sailed to no inland city: being named for a great seaport which was a mart of ships. Isaiah tells us that Tarshish was in the Isles (Isa. 23: 6; 60: 9).

"It is a well known historical fact that the Tribe of Dan had planted colonies in Ireland and other parts of the British Isles in those early times, and that their ships were known as the ships of Tarshish because they made the long journey to and from the Isles north and west of Palestine.

"The geographical location of this seaport in the Isles accounts for Jonah's destination being known as beyond the presence of the Lord. It was generally believed in his day by the nations around Israel who worshipped their respective gods, that the gods did not rule beyond the Pillars of Hercules (the Straits of Gibraltar) though they ruled the countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea. Also, it was known and understood by Jonah and the prophets that God was actively dealing with His people in Palestine, those who had left and gone to the isles of the utter-

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most sea and had passed beyond His immediate activity. To this place Jonah was now fleeing.

"Jonah was not so simple as to believe the current ideas of his day regarding the extent of God's rule, though modern scholars have tried to make it out so, for he knew that God had jurisdiction over all the world, even over the uttermost parts of the earth — which fact he admitted in conversation with the sailors." (Pages 488-9.)

Jonah had selected Tarshish as his destination in order to get far enough away from the scene of his mission so that he could not be brought back in time to fulfill it. The British Isles would be a long distance away in his time, for traveling by ship was a very slow means of journeying. The merchants of Tarshish were the very ones with whom those in the ship in which Jonah was sailing were trading. The use by Ezekiel of this term identifies the land of the mother lion as the Isles of the West and her whelps the peo-

ples and nations who today acknowledge the land of Tarshish; that is, the British Isles, as the land of their forefathers.

This brings us to the identification of the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Note carefully it is the *Lion of*, not Judah the lion. In Revelation John beheld a book sealed with seven seals, which no man could open, and then He was told:

"Behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof." (Rev. 5: 5.)

The coming ruler, who is to reign over the House of Jacob (symbolically the lioness) forever, is none other than Jesus Christ, the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Wherever the Throne of David is located, there also should be on display the insignia of royalty — the Lion. Furthermore, it was over the House of Israel, not Judah, where the Throne was eventually to be estab-

lished. When the transfer of the Throne from Judah to Israel was about to take place, God said through Jeremiah:

"David shall never want [*i.e.*, lack] a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel." (Jer. 33: 17.)

Today that Throne is in the British Isles. There also we find the standard of Ephraim, the Unicorn, with intertwined horns prophetic of the united birthright hegemony of Ephraim and Manasseh, and joined with it in heraldic display is the Lion, emblem of the ruling House of David and symbolical of Him who is to return and reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. When Jesus Christ returns to take the Throne of his father David, He will then assume His rightful place as Supreme Head of the Kingdom, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, ruling over a united people, the lioness and her whelps.

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inscribed in its pages against the day when men would at long last recognize its worth. Against the day when men learned that in some fields — law-making and economics for example — human intelligence must yield to higher wisdom.

The vital need of the hour, as the dark shadow of doom falls across man's materialistic world order, is for many volunteers who will man outposts on the forgotten frontier and help bring to bear the light of Divine wisdom upon human problems. The light is there in abundance, but it must be recognized and used before it can cut through the chaos into which human arrogance has plunged mundane affairs.

For a time yet those who shoulder this task of enlightenment must expect to meet indifference if not actually ridicule. The public at large still has much time to hear Milton Berle and Red Skelton, little time to hear God. But very soon now events will force a radical change in the public's outlook. The Divine blueprint calls for the establishment of a new revived world order, and it will surely come to pass.

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. For ye shall go out with

joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." (Isa. 55: 11-12.)

How infinitely patient is the loving Lord! For thousands of years, through generation after generation, He has led His people on toward the goal He determined upon before the foundation of the earth. Sorrowing over the multitudes who spurned the Light, rejoicing over the few who qualified

for life in the restored Kingdom, He has ever built toward the glorious culmination now so very imminent.

Those who point the way will have the satisfaction of being in the vanguard rather than among the rear stragglers, of knowing they have helped in their small way to bring about the wonderful future. But most gratifying of all will be the "Well done!" which they will receive when the battle is won and the King of kings reigns in righteousness.

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Rediscovery of the Word of God

ED. NOTE: It is suggested that this article by Rev. E. J. Springett be read in the light of the recent publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible which, if we accept the appraisal of its editors and sponsors that this new translation presents the Bible in the language of the people so that they can easily understand it, should lead to a latter-day "rediscovery of the Word of God."

IN THE Second Book of Kings the 22nd and 23rd chapters provide most excellent and inspiring reading for the present time. This is, of course, not to be wondered at, because the Bible is always up-to-date and provides, as we have so often said, the only authoritative and authentic source of information relative to the meaning of conditions as they are in the world that it is possible to secure. As an exercise in realistic thinking, may I suggest that you take time to read these two chapters without delay and then, with what I hope will be the result — a clear understanding of the incidents described — consider just exactly how one is given a very clear indication of what should be done in these modern days.

The record is an account of the reign of King Josiah. It tells the story of the great reformation in national life instituted and carried out by the King, and it describes conditions which, allowing for the difference in time, were exactly similar to those existing now. The national life of the people over whom Josiah reigned had reached a very low level. For many years it had been steadily deteriorating as far as moral values were concerned. The nation had, as a matter of fact, turned its back on God. Their lives were lived, their ordinary everyday activities carried on, according to their own will and desire and without any regard whatever for the Divine law. Even the worship of Jehovah was disregarded, and in its place idolatrous practices were set up which lowered the ideals and degraded the character of national life. This condition was not just a matter of recent occurrence; it had been going on for years and had been the subject of much criticism and denunciation by the prophets. For example, Isaiah had proclaimed:

"The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider." (Isa. 1: 3.)

Their indifferent worship of God had been condemned and Micah had declared that God had a controversy with his people:

"Hear ye, O mountains, the Lord's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the Lord hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel. O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me." (Micah 6: 2-3.)

Both prophets had decried the perfunctory worship offered. Isaiah had voiced God's query, "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me, saith the Lord." And Micah had asked, "Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil?" Then the condemnation had rung out:

"For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and ye walk in their counsels; that I should make thee a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof an hissing: therefore ye shall bear the reproach of my people." (Micah 6: 16.)

Jeremiah, too, had drawn attention to the disregard of God in this statement among many others:

"For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." (Jer. 2: 13.)

As a consequence of all this, the national life of the people had suffered a tremendous deterioration. This is the inevitable result when people ignore God. Whenever people lose sight of the supreme holiness of God, the vision of the things that are highest and best in life grows dim, for "Where there is no vision, the people perish." The lowering of ideals is inevitably manifested in every phase of life and conduct, so the national life of the people at the beginning of the reign of Josiah was a conspicuous example of the degradation following the disregard of God and disobedience to His laws.

By Rev. E. J. Springett

At the age of eighteen King Josiah decided to attempt a national reformation, and with tremendous results hinged upon one remarkable circumstance. He gave instructions, first of all, for the restoration of the Temple and its worship and it was during the operations necessary to the repair of the building that a great discovery was made. As you read the story, you can almost feel the undertone of excitement:

"And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. . . . And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying, Go ye, enquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us." (II Kings 22: 8-13.)

The ecclesiastical officials came to Huldah the Prophetess with their enquiry and she gave them this answer:

"Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me, Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read: Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched." (II Kings 22: 15-17.)

These are the days of many great discoveries. Almost every day some new scientific achievement is recorded and the last few years of this genera-

tion have been replete with the finding of many things meant to be conducive to human well-being, but which, unfortunately, have been set aside for the destruction of human life rather than for its preservation. History is full of the stories of discoveries that have changed the life of the world; that have added to the industrial activity and wealth of nations, but none of them can compare in importance with the discovery made in the days of Josiah.

What was the book that was discovered? It is called the Book of the Law. It was most probably the scroll of Deuteronomy — the Book of Deuteronomy as we have it in our Bible today. It is the Book which, in graphic terms, describes God's dealings with His people and outlines the Divine purpose. It lays down in unmistakable terms the code by which the national life of the people is to be administered, the blessings to be obtained as a result of its administration, and the evils that will inevitably follow the national disregard of its teachings.

It is time to face facts, and the facts are these. Present world conditions, the state of confusion, the fear of war, the inability to attain and enjoy social security, "men's hearts failing them for fear at looking at the things which are coming on the earth," the feeling of apprehension, all those circumstances which are current among us today and which are very shortly to be intensified, are due to the fact that this modern generation of ours has, just as in Josiah's day, turned its back on God, forgotten all about the Divine purpose, and deliberately ignored the necessity for obedience to the Divine Law of the Lord if peace and prosperity are to be enjoyed.

It is absolutely essential that the action of Josiah in that far-off time in the history of our people be repeated. What did he do?

"The King went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the Lord. And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book." (II Kings 23: 2-3.)

There you have it — a national convocation — the proclamation of the words of the Book of the Law. The people were reminded of the covenant relationship that existed between them and God, which was never destroyed and still exists today. The people were called back to the necessity for absolute allegiance to the will of God and complete obedience to His Law. That ancient national convocation resulted in a revival of faith — which meant not merely an acquiescence in the fact of God, but a deep realization of His immediate connection with all human affairs.

That is the pertinent need of today and until that need is satisfied, no way of escape will be found from current difficulties. Indeed, conditions will steadily grow worse. There must be an absolute revival of national faith, the faith concerning which our Lord Jesus Christ once asked the significant question, "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find [the] faith on the earth?" (Luke 18: 8.) And mind you, it is *the* faith, not faith in the abstract, but *the* faith concerning which we need to ask the question.

Every one of us should face the issue clearly. How many of us really believe what the Bible contains? How many of us live as if we believed that Christ died for us and that there is a judgment, a Heaven and a Hell? How many of us believe that there is a Divine plan for His people and for the world? How many of us believe that the days through which we are living are the days witnessing the final fulfillment of the Divine purpose which is rapidly reaching its supreme consummation?

We have reached the hour of decision! We cannot, we dare not, en-

deavor to evade it. We are either coming out wholeheartedly on the side of God and Jesus Christ or we are going to remain with our backs turned toward both God and Christ. Nominal religion must be replaced by practical Christianity. Churchianity must give way to a renewed interest in God and His plan. There must be a realization of the fact that we who are His people are citizens of the Kingdom of God and therefore absolutely responsible for the carrying out of citizenship responsibilities within that Kingdom.

The story of Josiah and his days is written and preserved for our admonition and learning "upon whom the ends of the age are come." He read the Book of the Law which for years had been lost. Today the Book of the Law — the Bible — is not lost. It is available to all, but it has been and is ignored. Oh yes, it is to be found in the House of the Lord, but its most pregnant teachings are set aside.

Josiah read the Book. He realized that the *national* difficulties of his day were due to *national* disregard of the Book, so he called a *national* convocation. He had the words of the Book read in the ears of the people and the result was a *national* repentance, followed by a solemn pledge of renewal of the covenant with God.

We must do the same thing in our day. There must be a national convocation; we must call a solemn assembly. May God, the Eternal Father, through the Grace of Jesus Christ, Redeemer, Saviour and coming King, and by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, enable us to take steps without delay to renew our national allegiance to the will of God so that, when He comes, we may be found an acceptable people in His sight.

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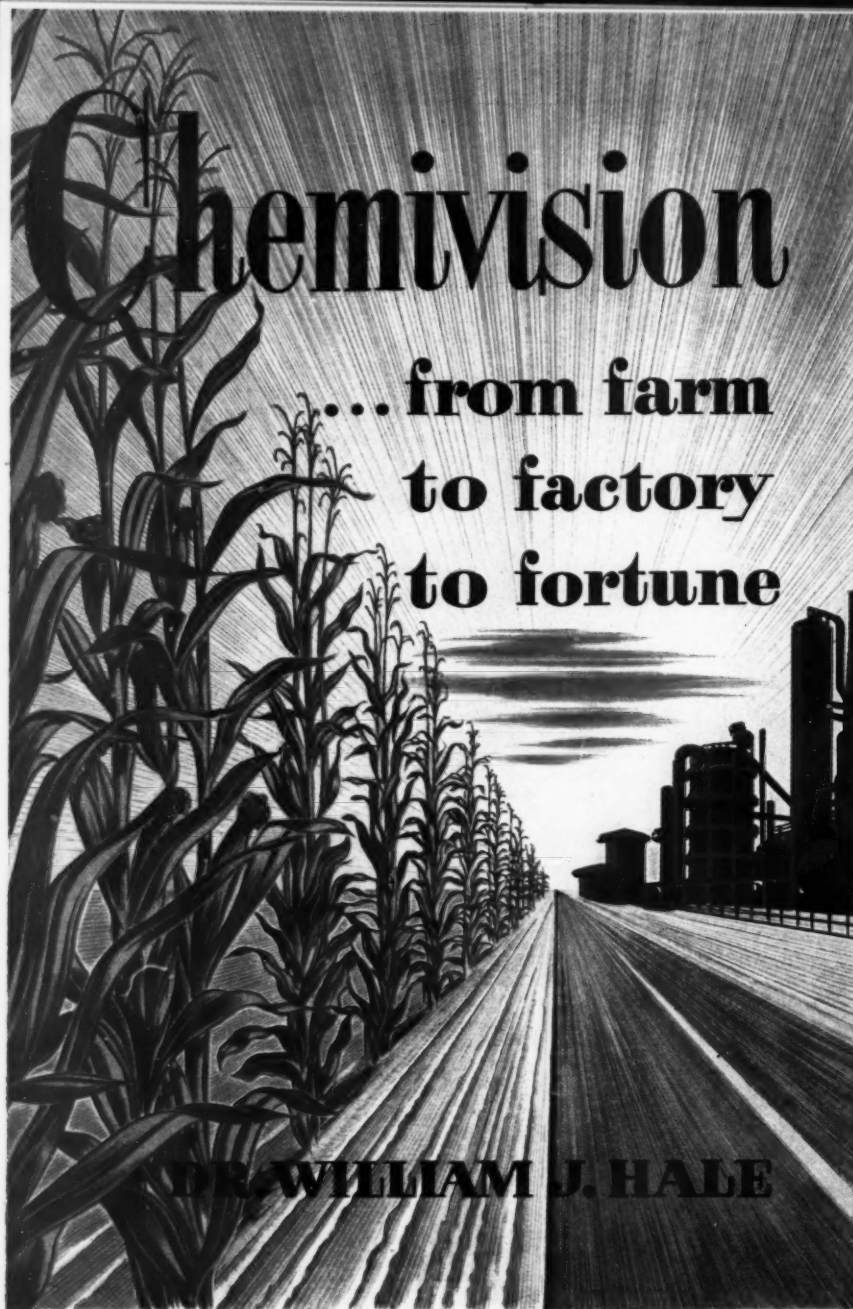
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